

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/IT 03/00647

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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PCT/IT 03/00647**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1-7, 14-18
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-3

Claims 1-3 are directed towards an electrode device for the electrolytic surface treatment of metals, comprising a nozzle connected with a unipolar external power source, a tank for electrolytic solution connected to the said electrode device in order to supply the nozzle through channels inside said device with electrolytic solution which is put under pressure through a dosing device controlled by a user, the said dosing device being activated by pressure of the user on the tank.

2. claims: 4-7 and 14-18

Claims 4-7 and 14-18 are directed towards an electrode device for the electrolytic surface treatment of metals, comprising a nozzle connected with a unipolar external power source, a tank for electrolytic solution connected to the said electrode device in order to supply the nozzle through channels inside said electrode device with electrolytic solution which is put under pressure through a dosing device controlled by a user, the said dosing device being activated by pressure of the user on the body or shell of the electrode device.

3. claim: 8

Claim 8 is directed towards an electrode device for the electrolytic surface treatment of metals, comprising a nozzle connected with a unipolar external power source, a tank for electrolytic solution connected to the said electrode device in order to supply the nozzle through channels inside said device with electrolytic solution which is put under pressure through a dosing device controlled by a user, the said tank being removably connected to the said electrode device.

4. claims: 9-13

Claims 9-13 are directed towards an electrode device for the electrolytic surface treatment of metals, comprising a nozzle connected with a unipolar external power source, a tank for electrolytic solution connected to the said electrode device in order to supply the nozzle through channels inside said device with electrolytic solution which is put under pressure through a dosing device controlled by a user, the said tank being defined by its features for re-entry of air after the suction of the electrolytic solution.

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Information on patent family members

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